

Shopping Center Plans Opposed By PTA Council

The Birmingham school district PTA council has written a letter of protest to the Bloomfield township board stating its opposition to the proposed Cranbrook Development company's shopping center at Lincoln and Cranbrook.

By a unanimous vote of the council at its October 27 meeting, a letter was ordered written to the township board.

Council Chairman Mrs. C. L. Miller, 993 Pilgrim, said members of the group had been called by interested residents within the school district asking that the council study the center's location.

The council agreed that it had a responsibility at stake in that the center is planned for the property across from the new high school.

Discussion centered around the traffic congestion and the disciplinary problems that the center might incur.

Members also revealed fear that in the event that trouble was started by high school students within the center, Birmingham police would be helpless because they could not act in Bloomfield township.

"The council represents 11 school PTA groups in the school district," Mrs. Miller said. "What affects our high school affects the entire district."

U of D Presents Big Musical Show

Three Birmingham residents will be among the 1550 persons to appear in Fr. Daniel A. Lord's new musical production extravaganza, "Light Up the Land," scheduled to open November 15 in the University of Detroit Memorial Building.

They are Bruce Cardale, 1567 Gray Court, Ruth Dombrowsky, 11680 Norfolk Drive, and Eugene Kagan, 2209 Eastman, Walnut Lake.

Bruce is a senior at U of D and was graduated from Birmingham High school. Ruth is a dramatic actress and is a freshman in the Arts and Science College. Eugene's past experience includes having appeared in the "City of Freedom."

"Light Up the Land" is a 75th anniversary present to the U of D. It will be produced on a four-stage level. The musical will tell the story of American education and its role in democracy through four major ballets, 20 new Fr. Lord tunes, drama and comedy.



HAD THESE LITTLE ladies had an RN to go along with their uniforms, they could have found plenty of business at the Halloween parade last Friday evening. Mechanical men had aching joints and many a parent had aching feet. Quite possibly a few of the small fry could have enlisted their aid to treat tummies which had not fully recovered from the night before, too, when they went out begging (and eating). (Eccentric Staff Photo)

'Ham' Operators Slate Emergency Test During Radio-Television Week

Amateur radio operators throughout the country will join in the celebration of National Radio and Television Week Nov. 9-16.

During the week attention will be centered on radio amateurs, Oakland and five other counties comprising the Detroit-Wayne airport take part in the annual simulated

emergency test sponsored by the American Radio Relay league with civil defense officials. James F. Abbott, 763 Lakeview, is the emergency coordinator for the operators of "Midwest Base" with headquarters in St. James Episcopal church.

Birmingham operators Jared Stark, 1321 Puritan, and Andrew Gent, 872 Walkman, were among the operators who were active in the International Aviation exposition at the Detroit-Wayne airport on Labor Day weekend.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN

The Eccentric welcomes letters for this column. All must be signed, but signatures will be kept confidential upon request. Letters must be limited to 500 words.

To the Editor:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you on behalf of all the radio amateurs for the wonderful stories your newspaper has published for and about amateur radio.

I personally want to thank you for the story that you published on Oct. 16, telling of our October meeting at which we presented two radio movies to the audience. ANDREW M. GENT, W8GCP Secretary-Treasurer, Catalpa Amateur Radio Society

To the Editor:

The committee responsible for the planning and carrying out of the 1952 Community Halloween party would like to send a letter of appreciation to everyone who participated in this event. To do this, however, would cost money. We prefer to spend all monies received to make a better party for the children of Birmingham. We ask you, therefore, to permit us to express our thanks in the columns of The Eccentric.

More than 200 merchants, market owners, business and professional men subscribed to the year's party. Their contributions provided tickets, lights, sound cars, sandwiches, cider and doughnuts, prizes, and three parties—a feature movie for the children enrolled in the fourth, fifth and sixth grades; a party at the Community House for the seventh and eighth grades with dancing, movies and games; a party at the high school with movies, radio report on the football

game and dancing.

THE SCHOOL system participated throughout. The board of education provided facilities and notices, principals directed the food lines, helped with the parade and the parties. Advisors and student councils were responsible for the dances and students helped so little prizes. Not to mention the high school band, without which no parade would be complete.

Many organizations made the evening successful. These were the PTA Council, local PTAs, the Community House, YMCA, Lions, Rotary, Exchange, Chamber of Commerce, Hi-12, Kiwanis, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, AAUW—more than 600 people helped.

We wish to thank everyone who had a part, and to express our pride in Birmingham for putting on a real community party.

ROLLIE REESE
LYMAN CRAIG, JR.
MALCOLM ADAM
MRS. CASSIUS MILLER
MRS. WILLIAM H. JACKSON
Halloween Committee

To the Editor:

Here is a copy of a letter which I have sent to the Bloomfield township board, expressing my opposition to the proposed shopping center in the Lincoln-Cranbrook area.

"Gentlemen: It has come to my attention that a certain group of individuals has purchased the Mercier farm for the purpose of building a shopping center at the corner of Cranbrook road and Lincoln avenue in Birmingham. I would like to go on record as being strongly opposed to this project.

"The purchasers of the Mercier farm were fully aware of the residential zoning of this property when they consummated this transaction. We moved to Bloomfield Village for the express purpose of getting away from shopping centers of this type and have been, and are, only too happy to drive several miles if necessary to do our shopping.

"IT HAS ALSO been brought to light that this group, who is attempting to have this property

re-zoned for business, was on the five-yard line before the situation was brought to the attention of the property owners of this area. "It is my personal feeling, and that of many other residents of Bloomfield township, that your board will be doing a grave injustice to property owners in Bloomfield township if a small group is permitted to break the present zoning ordinance for their own personal gain."

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Membership Approved

Southfield Township board members have approved a resolution admitting Royal Oak township to membership in the South Oakland County Garbage and Rubbish Authority. Board members also approved the site submitted by Royal Oak township on John R between Twelve and Thirteen Mile roads.

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